



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND

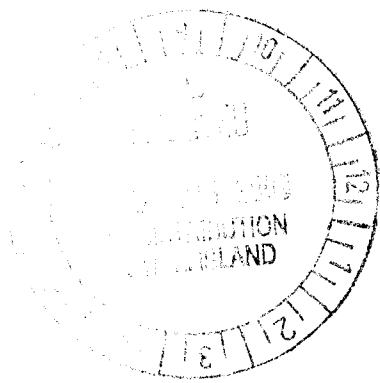


Objection Number 94

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THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION
GPO BOX 2590
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Dear Electoral Commissioner,

With reference to the proposed redistribution in the seat of Herbert.

We wish to lodge an objection to these proposed changes which would see significant parts of Townsville become a part of the division of Dawson.

Whilst we appreciate the desire to keep the population in each division as balanced as possible, having the local Federal Member of Parliament seated in an office 400 kilometres away in Mackay is close to having no Federal Member. Even 40 kilometres would discourage most constituents from calling in.

As a resident living in, say, the Townsville suburb of Aitkenvale one would only have to travel a few kilometres to visit the local member's office, but the same resident would have a round trip of 800 kilometres for the same purpose if he/she lived in Annandale.

No person, I repeat no person with whom I have discussed the proposal has been of the opinion that it is a good idea.

The consensus opinion that has been conveyed is that if redistribution is necessary because the population of Townsville is now too large for one division, then it should be split into two divisions, even though the population in each would be somewhat less than usually required, Townsville population hasn't stopped increasing and it could be expected that any shortage would soon be made up.

Of course, if the Member for Dawson was to set up his/her office in Annandale then you would probably have no objections - except from the people in Mackay.

We trust that you will give due consideration to the concerns of the residents affected by the proposed redistribution and seek a more acceptable solution

Yours faithfully
Rick & Dorothy Veness

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